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1. AMBASSADOR ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF THE
DISAPPEARED NUNS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES AT
CONSIDERABLE LENGTH WHEN HE HAD LUNCH WITH
AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL JANUARY 17. AJA ESPIL
WAS TO SEE PRESIDENT VIDELA LATER DURING DAY,
AND WE ARE CERTAIN HE RAISED THIS WITH THE
PRESIDENT AS WELL AS OTHER TOPICS OF GREAT
CONCERN TO US (AMONG THEM THE TIMERMAN AND
DEUTSCH CASES). SEE BA 394.

2. AJA ESPIL SHORTLY AFTERWARD LEFT FOR
WASHINGTON AND WE WERE UNABLE TO GET PLAYBACK
FROM HIM ON THE NATURE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH
VIDELA OF THE NUNS. IF ANY INFORMATION ON
THIS IS AVAILABLE TO YOU IN WASHINGTON, WE
WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE IT BEFORE AMBASSADOR LUNCHES
WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

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AMBASSADOR PLANS, OF COURSE, TO PUT QUESTIONS TO
ALLARA ABOUT NUNS DISAPPEARANCE AT THAT TIME.

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3. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS CITED REFTEL, AMB RAISED THIS PROBLEM WITH ADMIRAL MASSERA SECOND TIME AT DINNER WITH DEFENSE MINISTER DEC 13 (PARA 1D REFTEL), WITH BOLSA DE COMERCIO AT LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR DEC 15, AND WITH DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AT LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR DEC 16. OTHER OCCASIONS IN WHICH THE AMB SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THIS MATTER ARE:
JAN 6 DINNER WITH EX FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS MUNIZ
JAN 11 DINNER WITH EX PRESIDENT FRONDISI
JAN 13 DINNER WITH LEADERSHIP OF RADICAL PARTY
JAN 24 WITH FORIEGN OFFICE SUB SECRETARY ALLARA AT RECEPTION (THIS DISCUSSION RESULTED IN LUNCHEON ARRANGED FOR JAN 31), AND MOST RECENTLY ON JAN 25 WITH PUBLISHER OF CARTA POLITICA AND EX FOREIGN MINISTER NICANOR COSTA MENDEZ.
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